

First, WRDA makes numerous important changes to the SRF program, including extending the length of loans from 20 to 30 years, and up to 40 years for disadvantaged communities, while increasing the set-aside for these communities by raising the maximum and, importantly, instituting a minimum amount of assistance.

It provides \$125 million annually to support State water offices through the Public Water Systems Supervision grant program.

It seeks to improve the availability of compliance data submitted by water systems and States.

It promotes better asset management practices, improves consumer confidence reports, and reauthorizes the Source Water Petition Program.

It includes funding for EPA to review methods and technologies to prevent and detect leakage, contamination, and other problems.

It requires Buy America standards for SRF projects through fiscal year 2023 and prevailing wage standards to ensure that American workers are benefiting from these investments.

It provides funding for systems to conduct risk assessments of their resilience to extreme weather.

It establishes a grant program to help schools and daycare centers replace water fountains containing lead components.

Also related to lead, it requires future EPA needs assessments to include the cost of replacing lead service lines.

I know a number of communities are dealing with emerging contaminants, such as PFOA and PFOS. Currently, only systems serving more than 10,000 people are required to test for unregulated contaminants. This bill requires water systems serving over 3,300 people to monitor for these contaminants, empowering local residents to take action to mitigate serious health threats that they may not have known existed otherwise.

This would mean that thousands of communities, communities like Hoosick Falls, New York, and similarly sized systems would no longer have emerging contaminants go undetected, potentially threatening their residents for years.

Finally, while not included in the committee-passed bill, WRDA authorizes \$100 million for areas hit by natural disasters to repair their water systems, enabling post-Maria Puerto Rico to access funds without the financial burden of State matching requirements.

This is not an exhaustive list of provisions in this title, but it gives a sense of the breadth of policies that were included to improve the Safe Drinking Water Act.

This bill is not a clean water silver bullet, but it will put us on the path to end the decades of neglect of our water infrastructure and make the investments needed to maintain and upgrade our systems in order to protect public health.

I want to thank my colleagues, Representative HARPER, Chair SHIMKUS, Chair WALDEN, and their staffs for working with our side of the aisle on this legislation. I want to acknowledge the contributions of our ranking member Representative FRANK PALLONE, Jackie Cohen, Jean Fruci, and Rick Kessler, and other members of the Energy and Commerce minority staff for their hard work.

I always say that every life and every job in this country depends on access to safe drinking water. The needs are great and the cost of inaction is high.

Today, Congress has the opportunity to act. I urge my colleagues to support America's Water Infrastructure Act and for the Senate to take it up immediately.

HONORING LOGAN S. PALMER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Petty Officer Logan Palmer of Harristown, Illinois, who was tragically lost in the accident last August aboard USS *John S. McCain*.

Logan knew early that he wanted to serve his country. After he graduated from Sangamon Valley High School and Richland Community College, he enlisted in the Navy as an interior communications electrician.

Petty Officer Logan Palmer died serving and protecting our country, and for that, we remain eternally grateful.

Today, the House will vote on a bill to designate Harristown's post office in Logan's hometown of Harristown, Illinois, a small rural community in Macon County, Illinois, as the Logan S. Palmer Post Office.

Although I never had the honor of meeting Logan, I have since come to know his parents, Theresa and Sid, and I was honored they were able to join me when I introduced this bill earlier this year. While they sat in the gallery, I was able to drop that piece of paper in the box to introduce this bill to the floor of the House, and I am honored today to ask my colleagues to join me in passing this important legislation to honor one of America's heroes.

Designating this post office will not only honor Logan's service, but serve as a grave reminder of the risks that our servicemembers take on each day and the responsibilities we have to them as a country.

It is my privilege to be able to honor Logan today, but, again, it is not why we are here. Many times this chamber will be criticized for naming post offices, naming public buildings, but, again, let us remember the sacrifices that many of those who those buildings are named after made for the freedoms and the liberties that many of us in this country take for granted every day.

When Logan joined the Navy, no one in his hometown, let alone his family, thought that he would sacrifice so much for the freedom and liberty of our great country.

It is my honor to honor Logan S. Palmer with this bill today, and his name will live forever on his local post office.

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DEMOCRATIC VISION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, once again, the do-nothing Republican Congress has outdone itself.

Here in America, we have a wage stagnation problem, an underemployment problem, an infrastructure problem, a retirement insecurity problem, and a corruption problem right here in Washington, D.C.

What is the House Republicans' response to these challenges facing the American people? They want to get out of town before sundown.

Why don't we remain here in Washington, doing the people's business week after week, month after month until we get something done on these issues, improve the lives of working families, middle-class folks, senior citizens, the poor, the sick, and the afflicted?

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There are two very different visions for the American people. Republicans control the House, the Senate, and the Presidency. What has that brought to the American people? Chaos, crisis, confusion, the culture of corruption.

Part two, the sequel, and the signature piece of legislation is the Republican tax scam, where 83 percent of the benefits went to the wealthiest 1 percent in this country simply to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and shameless. That is their signature accomplishment?

The Democratic vision is very different. Democrats here in the House are fighting for the people. We are fighting to lower healthcare costs, fighting to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, fighting to protect people with preexisting conditions, fighting to dramatically lower the high cost of prescription drugs, fighting to increase pay for everyday Americans so that folks can provide a comfortable living for themselves and for their families, fighting for a real infrastructure plan that invests \$1 trillion in fixing our Nation's crumbling bridges, roads, and tunnels and will create 16 million good-paying jobs.

Democrats here in the House of Representatives are fighting to clean up corruption in Washington to make government work for everyday Americans. We are fighting to end, once and for all, the era of Citizens United.

That is the House Democratic vision: lower healthcare costs, increased pay,